Farther *Advice*
To the *Reverend* the CLERGY
of the *Peculiar* Juriſdiction
of St. ALBAN,
Within the *Dioceſe* of LONDON;

GIVEN

In the Court-Conſiſtorial held
At the Ninth General *Viſitation*,
Of that *Arch-Deaconry*.

On April 19th. and On May 20th. { at St. *Alban*, Hertfordſhire / mutatis mutandis / at *Winſlow*, Buckinghamſhire } 1725.

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My Reverend Brethren,

YE 'll give me leave to addreſs my ſelf at *this* Time, as I did upon the laſt occaſion, in ſome proper and ſeaſonable *Advice* to your ſelves in particular; The *Church-Wardens* and *Sides-men* being fully apprized of the Nature of their *Oaths and Preſentments*, as explained to them in my [a] *Artieles of viſitation* put every year into their Hands;

Having then, in the firſt place, ſatisfied thoſe [b] Enquiries from our *Right Revd. and Vigilant Dioceſan* for invigorating *Eccleſiaſtical Diſcipline* throughout his extenſive *Dioceſs*, not excluſive of this once really *exempted* or *peculiar* Jurisdiction; (a *Juridiction* not leſs Happy, with reſpect to the due ordering of it *now*, when in Poſſeſſion of the bare Title or Name.) And,

Having been impreſs'd not improperly from the *Pulpit* already, with reſpect to our own Conduct, by our [c] *Reverend Brother* (to whoſe *Arguments*, I ſhall venture to ſubjoyn only thus much, That as we have the Honor all of us to be *Apo-*

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a Articles concerning matters *Eccleſiaſtical* to be *required* of, and *anſwered* unto, in *Preſentments* by the *Church-Wardens* and *Sides-men* within the *Arch-Deaconry* of *St. Alban's* 1715. page 2. b *Enquiries* unanſwered by ſome *Incumbents*; and others about *Curates*, and the *Licenſing* of them. c The Reverend Mr. *William Marſton* Rector of *St. Michael* in St *Alban's*, and of *Redbourn* near it.

ſtolically ordained, and our People the Happineſs of ſitting under ſuch an *Apoſtolical Miniſtry*, This ſhould be a perpetual Memento to us of the *Clergy*, That we all ever ſo *ſpeak* and *act* as ſhall become *Apoſtolical* Men.) What have I to do after the frequent Notices of our reſpective *Duties* pointed out from this place at eight of theſe ſort of *Synodical* meetings, and many more *Parochiall* ones, all well complyed with?

What, I ſay, have I left to do at preſent, unleſs it be to look back upon the [a] *Advice* ye permitted me to offer the *laſt* time we ſat here together? (and which is likewiſe in all your Hands, expcept the newly admitted amongſt us, who may have Copies thereof upon demand from the [b] *Regiſter*.)

AND what ſhall I now ſay upon the three *Heads* then inſiſted on, as *Incidents* of the Current year? *Shall I praiſe you for theſe?* I flatter you not; Neither on your vow'd *Allegiance* to the *King* and his *Succeſſors* in the *Proteſtant* Line; your due obedience to the *Biſhop* lately ſet over you; nor your Care in promoting a *Liberal Collection* within your ſeveral limits, towards this ſo famous *Conventual* Church, The *Mother* of all yours:

Tho, as to the firſt particular, your obedient *Subjection* to his preſent Majeſty (whom God long preſerve a Bleſſing to theſe Nations) Ye have been ſo far, as I have heard, from giving Umbrage to the Goverment, That ye are not only *Loyal* your ſelves, to a degree; but as in Duty bound, *ye* likewiſe *teach Men ſo.*

As to the *obedience*, Styled *Canonical*; The few *Defaulters* at this Time, evidently demonſtrate your readineſs to obey your lawfull Superiors *in licitis & honeſtis*: and your Conforming yourſelves to the excellent [c] Directions lately given you for *Praying* audibly, diſtinctly, and ſolemnly; for *Preaching* Scripturally and plainly; for *Catechizing* diligently and to Edification; frequent *Viſitation* of the *Sick* and afflicted in *Mind Body* or *Eſtate*, accompanied with proper *Admonitions* in the moſt ſeaſonable *Criſis*; a perpetual bent for promoting the

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a *Advice* to the Reverend the *Clergy* of the *peculiar* Jurisdiction of *St. Alban's* within the Dioceſs of *London*, given in the *Conſiſtorial Court* held there on *Thurſday* May 2. 1723. at the *Eighth* General *Viſitation* of, that *Arch-Deacony*. b Mr. *William Stubbs* at his *office* in *St Alban's*. c *Directions* given by *Edmund* Lord Biſhop of *London* to the *Clergy* of his *Dioceſs* 1724. pages 6, 13, 17, 20, 21, 24, 26, &c.

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Intereſts of *Unity* and *Charity* amongſt thoſe committed to your Charge, as becomes the Miniſters of Reconciliation; with ſuch a ſollicitous regard to your own *unblemiſh'd* Converſations, as may make you *Examples and Paterns to the Flock of Chriſt*; will, I queſtion not, juſtify you in the face of the *Country*, that ye have obey'd your *Biſhop* in the Inſtances mention'd, and other like *Branches* of obligation, *for Conſcience ſake.*

And as to your advancing the *Benevolence* allowed lately by [a] *Royal Favour* to be ſolicited through the Kingdom, for the ſupport of this ancient, *tottering*, but venerable Fabric; I am as well perſuaded (that upon a Scrutiny ſhortly to be made into the Succeſs of your Endeavours that way) ye will each of ye be found to have left a laſting Memorial of your filial Duty towards this your *Aged Parent*; 'tho ſhe unhappily prov'd but a *Step-Mother* to moſt of you; And indeed when Stript bare her ſelf, How could ſhe leave many of you better provided with neceſſaries for Life?

By which expreſſion, when I ſtyle this *Abby Church*, a *Step-Mother* to moſt of you, I would not be thought to bring an Imputation upon the *Engliſh* Reformation in General; Though it muſt be confeſſed, that our *Flight* out of *Romiſh* Bondage, in *many* Caſes, reſembled that of the *Iſraelites* from out of *Egyptian* Slavery; 'Twas certainly made *in haſt*; and more than that, ye have many of you eaten *unleavn'd* Bread, as it were, inſtead of *Manna*, above four Times forty Years, in a Wilderneſs of Thought. One main difference lying here, That not all the People, but ſome only of that Generation borrow'd of *their Popiſh Neighbours*, *Jewels* of *Silver*, and *Jewels* of *Gold*, and *Raiment*; We, The *Clergy* I mean of *this* Juriſdiction, as is viſible from our preſent *meanneſs*, *came out empty*, and *ſpoiled* them *not*; except of *naked Churches*, for *ſacrificing to the Lord our God in*, in a far better manner than they did; and yet with reſpect even to theſe, we have felt the *Philiſtines* too hard *upon* us *often* ſince that bleſſed Period:

Much leſs can I cloſe with a late account given of the *Reform* of this Church in particular, with its ſeveral Members, (who recognize their Dependance by paying here their Procurations and Synodals [b] *in Signum Superioritatis*) in a [c] *Manuſcript*

a See the *Letters Patent* or *Brief* for St. *Alban's* bearing date *Sep.* 9. 1722.
b Gloſſ. in ver. *peragrando* §. ulterius apud *Lancellotum* Inſt. juris *Can.* 1. l. 2. tit 21. ubi *de Cenſibus. Hoſtienſis* Summa de *Cenſibus* §. a quibus. c A Brief Survey

otherwiſe valuable, but very lately handed to us from the Preſs, wherein we find a compariſon made between the *unequal* circumſtances of it, as it ſtood *flouriſhing* and *triumphant* in our Anceſtor's days (the revenues of which, at the *diſſolution* of the [a] *Convent* might have been abundantly more improved for the promoting Gods true *Religion* and *Virtue*) and the *deplorable State* 'tis now in, with its Depend[illegible] in its *declining years* (which can't but conſequentially be ſuppoſed to give a looſe to the Practice of *Wickedneſs* and Vice) when there is not *Authority* enought left to Stem the Swelling Tide of *Irreligion* and *Profaneneſs*: I mean not *Ability enough*, for the *Spiritual Power* to endeevour the Suppreſſion of *rampant* and *defying Sins* by proper *Chaſtiſements*; Nor *ſubſiſtence enough* for Men the moſt *Spiritually-Minded* to Influence the *Incorrigible* by the more prevailing Methods of *Hoſpitality* and *Charity*, joined to the winning Prevalence of an Exemplary Behavior, not always poſſible to be *exerted* by a *depreſſed*, at no time to *good purpoſe* by a *deſpiſed Eccleſiaſtick*.

"The great Abbey of St. *Albans* in *Hertfordſhire*, ſaith *my* "[b] *Author*, if the old Lands were united together, is worth "at this day, in all Rents, Profits, and Revenues about two "hundred thouſand Pounds yearly, according to the improved "Rents at this day: out of which, one Half, or a great part "might have been added to the Crown for Augmentation of "Revenue, and the reſt employ'd to pious and Charitable uſes "in the Common-wealth; and inſtead of ſome ſixty Monks, "there might have been an hundred Preachers richly provided, "to preach to the Inhabitants and Country round about: be-"ſides an Hoſpital of a thouſand poor people of all Sorts, and "ſix good Schoolmaſters for Education of Gentlemen's Chil-"dren, and the Children of many good Men in Religion, "Learning, Muſick, Writing, and all other good Qualities, "to the infinite Benefit of their Parents and the whole King-"dom: whereas for divers years paſt, that Town having Four "Churches, there is no conſtant Preacher in any of them, nor "any one Schoolmaſter, but ſhifting and changing Miniſters "daily, and the Schoolmaſters gone, having very poor Stipends.

Survey of the *Clergy-Lands* ſaid to be the Reverend Mr *Ephraim Udal's*.
a Anno 1538. b The *Royal Treaſury* of *England*, or an Hiſtorical account of all *Taxes* under what denomination ſoever from the *Conqueſt* to this preſent year printed 1725. See pages 188, 189.

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From which account, ye'l give me leave to obſerve, that tho' the *Author* in his *Computations* may be at as great a diſtance from *Truth*, as He is in his *Facts*; which as reported here, are irreconcileable with it, unleſs in our late Times of *Anarchy*, (when the *Manuſcript* is ſuppoſed to have been written, and when a more through *Reformation* was pretended than heretofore, and yet nothing leſs intended, but an unhallowed gluting upon all things *Sacred*, which ſooner or later will become *a ſnare to thoſe who devour them.*) And tho' I muſt not omit this opportunity of doing Juſtice to the *Corporation* in affirming their *doing* as worthily in this behalf, as is uſual with ſuch like *Collective Bodies*; and, That they have diſcharged their Truſt both with reſpect to the *Miniſter* and *Schoolmaſter* in their Patronage, ſo as to deſerve no ſuggeſtion of *this kind* upon them.

Yet it *muſt* not, it *cannot* be denyed, that through the [a] *Sacrilegious Rape* upon this Church, by *wicked* Inſtruments, Her *Offſpring* has ſuffer'd, beyond the moſt barbarous Example made on any other place whatſoever in this *Kingdom*: I mean, That of the 26 *Rectorys* and *Vicarages* born, if I may ſo ſpeak, of Her Body, Hardly one at this day recognizes its Parentage by its reſemblance; How *thriving*, How *beautiful*, How decent a *Matron* once was ſhe? Her *Daughters* now almoſt all, How *meager*, How *uncomely*, How little *deſirable* they? in plain Terms, when ſhe enjoyed in *Affluence* to the amount of 100^{s}, 1000^{s}, 10000^{s}, nay, I may venture to ſay, 100000 fold *per annum*, (at half of the Eſtimate laid down according to improvements) *ye* ſome of you (by way of Dowry with the Benefices ye are wedded to) ſcarce receive 40, nay 30, nay 20 Fold; For

This I can avow my ſelf by ſorrowful Experience, That in the courſe of my *Parochial reſearches* (which I ſhall with God's leave continue through the *Juriſdiction*, till I am familiarly acquainted with the whole) I have met with [b] 5 *Vicarages* &c. within, little more or leſs than, 25 miles of our Metropolis, not riſing to the two loweſt of theſe Valuations; no, not with all imaginable honeſt applications for improvement thereof, under as faithful a diſcharge of Duty, as can be expected from ſo *diſcouraging Pittances*; *Pittances* indeed, unequal to the fitting

a See a *Petition* in *Weavers* Funeral Acts and *Monuments* againſt ſome who exceeded their *Commiſſions* at that time in diſſolving. b The Vicarages &c. of *Northaw*, *Rydge*, *Hexton*, *Norton*, and *Newnham*.

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out with proper Helps very able Diſpenſers of the *Bread* of *Life*, who muſt be at the whole expence of their Thought and Labour to ſecure to themſelves and Relatives their own *Living Bread*.

Bleſſed *God*! in thy own good Time, look down upon this our diſtreſs'd Eſtate; and purge out of the Church of *England* (which thine own Right hand hath planted) and in the ſeveral parts of it; as thou haſt already, all *Idolatry* and *Superſtition*, ſo likewiſe all ſuch *Covetouſneſs*, whether amongſt the *Clergy* or *Laity*, as may derive an *Entail* of *Contempt* upon the Adminiſtration of thy Holy Word and Ordinances to future Generations; Amen.

IN the interim, my *Reverend Brethren*, to improve this Synodical meeting, as we may, Till Gods *own good Time* comes, when He ſhall be pleaſed further to bleſs us, and lift up the Light of his Countenance upon us, *dejected* as we are: what *Humane Methods* ſhall we think of? what *Remedies* ſhall we purſue, applicable to the ſore Malady (ſo grievous to this ſound Part of Chriſts Church; and to which we belong) not unworthy the ſageſt deliberations of the moſt *judicious*; highly challenging the *Prayers* and *Endeavours* of the moſt *pious Chriſtians*.

Why here, I confeſs, without your *Aſſiſtance*, I do of my ſelf, foreſee none without a Miracle, likely to anſwer the Demand, but that juſt Expedient *divinely* pointed out in theſe later days by a merciful Soveraign of Happy Memory; and, which hath been carried to a Height very promiſing, by Hearts truly touch'd with *Coals from God's Altar*, under the moſt encouraging Influences of Her *Royal Succeſſor*, whoſe Reign will be crown'd with ſubſtantial Bleſſings, the more His Soul is inflamed towards God and ſuch good Works, as is, the *Augmentation* of *poor Livings* in *Bounty* to the Clergy of Inferior Appointments;

A *Bounty* ſo engaging in it ſelf, and ſo effectually recommended by the firſt *Royal Repairer of our Breaches* under the [a] Character of an effectual Bar to the danger of our Church and moſt *Holy Religion*, ariſing from the *mean* Proviſion of the Officers thereof, as hath invited in many great Benefactors, Honourable and Worthy Perſonages, both *Spiritual* and *Temporal*; (whoſe number God increaſe;) and many ſuch, to the proportion of our late *Right Reverend Dioceſan*, who

a Statute 2° and 3to Annæ.

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not only augmented the Income of the *Pariſh Prieſt* in the place of his [a] Nativity with a Freehold Eſtate of 35[l] per annum out of his *Patrimony* or *Acquiſitions*: But by the Help of his reſpective *Arch Deacons* and other *Reverend Friends* intruſted with Rolls of Subſcription, procured Benevolences to the Sum of 2200[l] for augmenting [b] 11 *poor Livings*, moſt of them in the *Eaſtern* part of his *Dioceſe* (with which he was beſt acquainted in his Travels for the Publick Good) whilſt He ſuſtained abroad for many years the Characters of *Envoy*, *Ambaſſador*, and *Plenipotentiary*, ſo much to the Intereſt of Great Britain, and the Peace of Europe) And to which *Augumentations* ye were, I thankfully acknowledge, *forward* ſome of you to contribute *long ago* by my Hands; and will be ſo far *bleſſed in* the deed, as ye *lent*, according to your Proportions; and though 'twas your Lot to *receive nothing again* then; yet, if I preſage not in vain, from the meaſures we are now entring upon, what ye offer'd heretofore ſo willingly, and what ye ſhall further devote upon this occaſion, will be found good *Bread* to you, like that *caſt upon the Waters, after many days*.

But now as [c] the *beſt Calculator* of theſe matters has aſſured us, "That it will yet be the Work of *Ages* before *All* the ſmall "Livings entitled to an Augmentation, can receive any bene-"fit or ſhare therefrom; and that thoſe under 10[l] are firſt to "be augmented with a third part of the Fund of *Firſt-Fruits* "and *Tenths*; When can we expect that the Advantage ſhall be ours, even under his moſt [d] favourable calculation, Who tho'

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a *Cleaſby*, in the County of *York* and Dioceſe of *Cheſter*; Ecton's State of the Proceedings of the *Corporation* of Goods of the Bounty of *Queen Anne*. 2d Ed. p. 49. b *Cheſterford Magna*, valued before 25[l] *Totham magna* 26[l] *Bentley magna* 28[l] 11s *Dover-Court* 31[l] *North-Shoebury* 32[l] *St. Peter's Colcheſter* 35[l] *Homdon on the Hill* 49[l]. *Ernlend* 34[l] 7s 10d *Chreſhall* 35[l] *Boxed* 28[l] 10s in the County of *Eſſex* and *Weſt-Drayton* in *Middleſex* valued before at 30[l] all in the *Dioceſe* of *London*. Id. ib pages 72, 73, 74, 75, 92. c Mr. *Ecton*, in his Preface to the ſecond Edition of *Liber Valorum* and *Decimarum* p. 3. and in his *State* of the *Proceedings* of the *Corporation* and page or *Rules* and *orders* No. IX. d It has been computed (ſaith that Faithfull and judicious *Compiler* of the two Treatiſes mention'd, as explanatory of the *Clauſe* above cited) from the *great Number* of Livings of the *Smalleſt Value* in this Kingdom, and the preſent *Low* yearly circumſtances of them, That it will be upwards of 500 years before all the *Augmentable Livings* in this Kingdom will be encreaſed to the Value of 60[l] per annum, 'tho there ſhould be 60 every year *augmented* with 200[l] of the late *Queen's Bounty* in conjunction with private *Beneſactions* of the like Value; This *Computation* may eaſily be

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we have not (God be thank'd) one of that very mean value within our *Compaſs*; yet many, ye are too ſenſible, far from a *Competeney*, ſuppoſing that Competeney to riſe no higher than 40 or 50l to each *Living*? and whence can theſe hope for an *Augmentation*, till the *Great Bank* of the *Church* be much more enlarged than 'tis, upon aſſiſtances to be *expected* from abroad, and *encouraged* from ſuch as ſhall be happily begun at home?

Since then our Hopes muſt be formed by a *Tax* upon our ſelves *primarily*; and, *That* to be ſeconded and ſupported by the *Charitable Liberality* of well-diſpoſed Perſons contributing thereto, Give me leave, *permiſſu Superiorum*, To propoſe One, eaſy enough *to be born* by you, and which ye ſhall *touch*, as it were, *with but one of your Fingers*; whilſt I, for your ſakes, will take a much *heavier burthen* upon my own Shoulders, how little ſoever *enabled* to bear it.

The Propoſal or Advice, is This, which may be further conſider'd and ripen'd in due *Time* and *Place*, viz. That if each *Beneficed Incumbent* within this *Juriſdiction*, will ſet aſide annually out of the *real Receipts* of his ſmall Living *viis & modis*, *one Pound* per Cent; and ſo *pro ratâ*, *ad valorem*, where the *Livings* are under that Value; I here promiſe for my Life, whilſt I ſhall wear the Character I do amongſt you, (though otherwiſe unworthy to ſuſtain it) That I will annually apply the *whole* receipts of this *Arch-Deaconry*, *deductis oneribus*, as a *Fund*, to be lodged in the moſt proper *Repoſitory* for the *Augmentation* of our *meaneſt* Benefices; and to be iſſued out, ſo often as the full Sum of 200l ſhall be ready for an *Union* with as much of the late *Queen's Bounty*, *ever* to be appropriated to the *ſmalleſt* Rectory, Vicarage, Donation, or Cure amongſt us, at the Time being; That ſo each may expect without *prejudice* or *Partiality*, to be reliev'd in his *Turn*.

By this means, Eccleſiaſtical Duties will be turn'd into no improper *Channel*, and that too with *encreaſe* (when He who is entituled to ſuch *Payments* by the *Laws* of the *Land*, ſhall ra-

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accounted for, if not only the groſs number of Livings *augmentable* be conſider'd, but alſo, That a great many of them are ſo ſmall as to need a *Second* and *Third* Augmentation of the Value of 400l, to raiſe the yearly Income thereof to 60l per annum, and even then the *Charity* will fall Short of the original *Intent* of the *Royal* Donor, whoſe pious deſign it was to augment all Livings under 80l per annum, as by the Charter of the Corporation may appear.

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ther truſt to a *Providential Proviſion* for Himſelf, than not reſtore to the poorer Clergy *manyfold* into *their boſom*, which *Singly* muſt be ſuppoſed of ſo *little Service* to Him) By this means, thoſe amongſt you who are *beſt* provided for, will contribute *moſt*; And I ſhould have the ſatisfaction (if ye'l pardon the Compariſon) of *laying up for you*, as *Parents* are wont to do for *their Children*, and as the *beſt Parents* ever do, of what's ſtrictly their *own*; Such are the *Fee*, the *Procurations* and *Synodals*, the *Perquiſites* of *Office*; none of them due to me *ratione Viſitationis* only, but all of them *ratione officii*, as a *Penſion*, or de *Jure communi*.

To conclude the whole, with as fair a *Proſpect* as I can gratify you with. I have ſaid that the *meaneſt Livings* amongſt us for the Time being, by the Scheme laid down, ſhould *ever* be advanced to the Succeeding *Augmentations*, ſo that all within our Diſtrict, might expect the Bleſſing in *their Turns*.

And our *Hopes* of Succeſs in this *Propoſal*, or *Advice*, may be grounded upon theſe *plauſible Aſſurances*, viz.

1. That our endeavours this way may probably be *provoked* by that *Zeal*, with which a *ſimilar Propoſal* is now ſaid to be in ſome forwardneſs, within a *Siſter-Kingdom*, by conſent of the *Higher* and *Richer* Clergy, at the motion of the moſt Reverend [a] Primate of *Armagh*.

2. That ſmall *Foundations* of *Good works* laid with an *honeſt* intention of promoting *God's* Glory in the *good* of *Souls*, and advanced with an *Eye* to His Providence for the furthering his *own Work*, have even in theſe degenerate days received *unacountable*, marvelous Aſſiſtances.

Let the [b] *Pietas Hallenſis* give an Inſtance of this in a *School* at *Glaucha* in *Saxony*, now grown up into an *Academy*, where 3000 young Perſons are *taught*, beſides *many* ſet to *work*, ſome *Fed* and *Cloath'd*, more *wholly ſubſiſted* in a large *Collegiate-Building*, well accomodated for theſe *ſeveral uſes*; and yet where *all*, whither *Edifice* or *Appointments*, began on the Strength of leſs than *one ſingle pound* Sterling: and have been ſupported ever ſince by *Occaſional Contributions*, *Forreign* or *Domeſtick*, from Perſons often *unknown*; And frequently ſent

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a At 1 per Cent. for 3 years on all *Livings* exceeding 100l per annum.
b *Pietas Hallenſis*, or, Marvelous Footſteps of Divine Providence &c.

in to the *Directors*, when under the greateſt Streights both of *thought* and *circumſtances*:

Marvelous traces theſe of Divine Footſteps in this Age! Some of which have been parallel'd *in kind*, and others of a *Surprizing* Nature are to be met with, as to the *Caſe* before us, the *Augmentation* of *ſmall Livings*; by the Peruſers of a famed *Hiſtory* of [a]*Sacrilege* (which, may it ſelf be one day further *augmented* from an unqueſtionable MSS) a *Treatiſe* of *Tythes*, and another of the *Rights* and *Reſpect* due to *Churches*, by a known and much valued Author of the *laſt Century*; The *Caſe* of *Impropriations* by a Right Reverend [b]*Prelate* of a later date; and the *State* of the *Proceedings* of the *Governors* of the Bounty of [c]*Queen Anne* for the *Augmentation* of the maintinance of the *poor Clergy*, with a Continuation of it to 1720; (ſtill to be carried on by the Same *diligent* Hand, to his own ſatisfaction, and the Clergy's comfort 'tis to be hoped for many *Happy Years* to come;) And many more ſuch I am ſtrongly preſs'd, we ſhall meet with *hereafter*, as our Intentions in the *good Work* purpoſed ſhall be found to be *of the Lord*:

For, *They that wait upon Him ſhall ſurely renew their ſtrength, They ſhall mount up with Wings as Eagles.*

Let us then, my Reverend Bretheren, humbly expect, That whilſt ye out of *your little* ſhall *gladly give of that little*, and thereby alſo in a preſent Senſe, *Lay up for your ſelves a good reward in the day of Neceſſity*; And, that whilſt I *out of my Penury* return to the *Treaſury* of our Mother-Church not leſs then *All which I have* from it, Our *Zeal* too may likewiſe *provoke* many to ſuch *liberal* Contributions, that we may in due Time ſee all the *Augmentable* Livings within this *Arch-deaconry* in a much *better* Condition than hitherto: And all our Benefactors raiſed to a Degree of *Honor* or *Eſteem*; both which, eminently wait upon thoſe Ornaments of the *Court* and *Church* in which they preſide, [d]The Right *Honorable* the Lord *Chief Juſtice* of the *Kings Bench*, with the [e]Honorable and *very Reverend* the *Dean* of St. *Paul's*, The *former* of which has in concurrence with the *Queen's Bounty* generouſly *augmented*, with 20[l] per annum, within our *Hertfordſhire* Divi-

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a Sr. *Henry Spelman.* b Bp. *Kennet* of *Peterborough.* c Mr. Ecton. d Sir Robert Raymond e Dr. Henry Godolphin.

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ſion, the *Vicarage* of *Langley Abbatis*, a *Place* to be as memorable hence forward for the *Seat* of his *Reſidence*; as hitherto for the *Birth* of a *Pontiff*, who did more for the Convent of *St. Alban*, than all his *Predeceſſors* or *Succeſſors* put together;

The *later*, amidſt his full and Charitable Proviſion for *many poor Livings* elſe where, has enabled the *Vicar* of *Winſlow* in our *Buckinghamſhire* part, to the ſame degree; in conjunction with 100[l] of his own procuring, 200[l] of the *Queen's Bounty*; and that in the very *Critical* minute, as 'twere, when juſt deſpairing of ſuch an Acceſſion to his *Benefice*; And I venture to ſay, the *good Dean* may poſſibly not ſtop *here*, but enlarge his kind intentions to this *Arch-Deaconry* (transfer'd from the Dioceſe of *Lincoln* to *London*, and ſo become an Appendage to *St. Paul's Cathedral*) in aſſiſting one more ſmall *Benefice* within this *Hertfordſhire* ſide of the *Juriſdiction*, which very much wants the Encouragement, as a *place* of great reſort, near the City, ſubject to almoſt *continual Duty*, with a very Scanty and moſtly *precarious* Income; And if the *Lot* ſhould fall upon *this* very Church (for which He was once prepared in mind, and more than once both *thought* and *Spake* of it with concern to my ſelf, as what ſhould be conſider'd, compatible with *preengagements*) I dare ſay, ye'l all give it the Preference Willingly; and be pleaſed to ſee the *Mother* in circumſtances not *inferior* to any of *Her Daughters*.

And now, my *Reverend Brethren*, to ſum up the whole, as 'tis time ſo to do. When by *Gods Bleſſing* on *this Propoſal*, or *Advice*, we ſhall find our *later* State *better* than our *beginning*, and by throwing our *Mite* into the Churches *Corban*, ſhall not be accounted as thoſe who ſerve our God, *with that which coſts us nothing*: When our own *Hearts* ſhall be more at eaſe; Our Familys more free from *cares*, and our People from *Fears*,

How *ſucceſsfully* ſhall we *diſcharge* each of us our Duty? How much more *fervent* and *undiſturbed* will be our *Common* and *private* Prayers? How much better compoſed will our Diſcourſes be for the *Publick*, when our Minds ſhall be void of *Diſtraction*? How much more at leiſure to redouble our welcome Viſits to the *Sick*, the *Diſtreſs'd*, and the *Indigent* in *Mind*, *Body*, and *Eſtate*? How much more forcible will our Endeavours be for promoting *Peace* and *Concord* in our

a The Reverend Mr. *James Edmunds*

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Neighbourhoods as well amongſt the *Poor* as the *Rich*? How more enabled to defend the Faith, and recommend the *Practiſe* of a Church of England *Miniſter*, as well as to *oppoſe* and *convince* Gainſayers, on the *right* Hand, or on the *left*?

Let us then add to our *Faith*, that *excellent Faith* profeſſed by our *Church*, *Vertue* in *Practiſe*; and to our *Vertue*, *Diligence* in our *Function*; and to our *Diligence*, as we ſhall be ſupported, *Hoſpitality*; and to *Hoſpitality*, (the Sum and Subſtance of the beſt Religion) *Charity*:

Let theſe things (as they will more and more, upon the *encreaſe* of our *Subſtance*) be ſeen by God's Grace to flouriſh in us and *abound*; we ſhall then at the giving up of our *accounts with Joy*, before the chief *Bp* of *Souls*, *as good Stewards of the manifold Grace of God*, Hear our ſelves pronounced by Him, to be *good and faithful Servants*, ſuch as have been *fruitful in every good Word and Work*, and *meet* to be made *partakers of* a more augmented *Inheritance among the Saints in Light*; which God of his Infinite mercy grant, May be the *Portion* of us all; Amen.

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The

The *Value* of the *Arch-Deaconry* of *St. Alban* consists,

1. In a *Fee.*
2. In *Procurations* and *Synodals* due from the *Clergy.*
3. In *Perquisites* of *Office.*

1. For the *Fee, Procurations* and *Synodals*, payable out of the *Exchequer*, There is this remarkable Entry, Page 1. of the *Register* Frankilchester carefully preserved in the Office at St. *Alban*, under the Hand of *Easte* the then Register; But the *Fee* not paid. Q.

Anno Domini 1561. 31o Maii.

Be it remembred that there is yearly paid unto the *Arch-Deacon* of St. *Alban* for the time being Five *marks* for his *Fee*; and xxvi^{s} and viii^{d} for *Procurations* and *Synodals* due for the Benefices of *Richmansworth* and *Hexton*, that is, for *either* Church xiii^{s} iv^{d}; which *Fee*, and *Procurations* and *Synodals* is paid two times in the year by equal Portions viz. at our *Lady-day*, and *Michaelmas*. It was first paid out of the *Augmentation Court*, and now in the *Exchequer* in the Office granted unto Sr *Edward Hastings*, Knight of the Honourable Order of the *Garter*, and lately made *Lord Loughborough*.

2. In page the second of the same *Register*, *Easte*, 1561. you have this *Table* of *Procurations* and *Synodals*, to be paid to the *Arch-Deacon.*

A *Note* — of the *Procurations* and *Synodals* due unto the *Arch-Deacon* of St. *Alban.*

	Procurations Easter		Synodals Mich.		
St. Alban's	Nil.				Rectoria
	s	d	s	d	
St. Michel's	2	6	2	6	Vicaria
St. Stephen's	2	6	2	6	Vicaria
St. Peter's	3	10	3	10	Vicaria
Watford	3	10	3	10	Vicaria
Rickmansworth	0	6	0	6	Vicaria
Norton	0	6	0	6	Vicaria
Newenham	3	10	3	10	Vicaria
Rugge	2	6	2	6	Vicaria
Hexton	0	6	0	6	Vicaria
Walden Abbatis	7	2	7	2	Vicaria
Sarret	2	6	2	6	Vicaria
Langley Abbatis	7	2	7	2	Vicaria
Idlestree	0	6	0	6	Rectoria

	Procurations Easter		Synodals Mich.		
	s	d	s	d	
Bushey	3	4	3	4	Rectoria
Codicot	0	6	0	6	Vicaria
Shiphal	1	8	1	8	Vicaria
Sandridge	3	10	3	10	Vicaria
Redbourne	7	2	7	2	Vicaria
Barnet	7	2	7	2	Rectoria
Northaw					
Wynstowe	7	2	7	2	Vicaria
Aston Abbatis	7	2	7	2	Vicaria
Harwood parva	0	6	0	6	Vicaria
Grandborrow	0	6	0	6	Vicaria

3. The *Perquisites* of *Office*; few, and *inconsiderable.*

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The *Value* of the *Livings* within the *Arch-Deaconry* of St. *Alban*. i. e. The *clear* yearly value of thoſe *diſcharged* from firſt *Fruits* and *Tenths*: as well as the *Value* in the *King's Books* of thoſe *remaining in Charge*.

Hertfordſhire.

Livings remaining *in Charge*.	*King's Books*		
R. *Barnet*	22	02	08½
R. Buſhey	18	02	01
V. St. Peters in St Alban's	09	00	10
V. Rickmanſworth	16	00	00
V. Sarret	09	00	00
V. Shephall	09	05	10
V. Walden Abbatis alias St. Paul's	10	00	00
V. *Watford*	21	12	01

Livings *diſcharged*.	*Clear yearly value*		
V. St. ALBAN	40	00	00
V. Codicote	50	00	00
V. Hexton	15	00	00
R. Idleſtree	40	00	00
V. Langley Abbatis	45	00	00
V. St. Michaels in St. Albans	50	00	00
V. Newenham	20	00	00
V. Norton juxta Baldock	25	00	00
V. Redbourne	50	00	00
V. Rydge	30	00	00
V. Sandrige	40	00	00
V. St. Stephen in St. Albans	44	00	00

Buckinghamſhire.

Livings remaining *in Charge*.	*King's Books*		
V. Aſton Abbatis	06	07	11

Livings *diſcharged*.	*Clear yearly value*		
V. Granborough alias Greenborough	40	00	00
V. Harwood parva	22	00	00
V. *Winſlow*	40	00	00

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